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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 3682  
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on March 31, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 30, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. Entry of these Rule 116 amendments is requested because the Applicants believe in good faith that the cited prior art did not disclose the present invention as previously claimed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A joint structure of a robot, comprising: